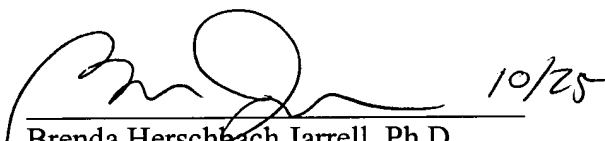




Applicant filed an Appeal Brief in the above-referenced case on July 2, 2004. An Examiner's Answer (the "Answer") was mailed on August 24, 2004. The due date for filing a Reply Brief and for Requesting an Oral Hearing is therefore October 24, 2004 which is a Sunday. Applicant therefore submits that the Request for an Oral Hearing, the Reply Brief and the Exhibits that are filed herewith are timely filed on the following Monday which is October 25, 2004. Please charge any necessary fees (or credit any overpayment), to our Deposit Account 03-1721.

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